

# OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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## ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF TORONTO GENERAL GRADUATES

A MOST enjoyable affair was the luncheon given by the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School on November 13. The guests were received by Mrs. Paffard, the president of the association, in a beautifully decorated Turkish room. Seventy-seven ladies sat down to the luncheon, which was served in an adjoining room. The tables were tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums, and at each plate were bunches of violets and maiden-hair fern tied with purple ribbon.

The guest of honor on the occasion was Miss Palmer, editor of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, whose name and work are well known to Canadian nurses.

The toasts were proposed by Mrs. Paffard, that of "Canada" being responded to by Miss Gordon, superintendent of the Emergency Hospital, Toronto, while Miss Stewart responded to "Alma Mater." "Superintendents of Training-Schools" was responded to by Miss M. A. Snively, honorary president of the association and superintendent of Toronto General Hospital Training-School. Miss Snively said that as long as a nurse is a nurse merely, she is the theme of the poet and the painter. Let her, however, assume the duties of a superintendent, and thenceforward she represents the unpopular part of the profession. She spoke also of the difficulty of selecting the right material from the multitude of applicants, and read a number of letters showing how very unfit for the work many are who apply.

"The Class of 1901" was responded to by Miss Roberts. She compared the nurse starting out on her career after leaving the hospital to the Cape Breton fisherman, who, when he goes out in his boat, prays, "Keep me, O God. Thine ocean is so vast and my boat is so small."

Lt. Helen Macmurchy ably responded to "The Medical Profession." She referred to the graduating class being the guests of the association, and compared their reception by the older graduates to a custom existing in England. When a new peeress takes her place for the first time at any public function, all the other peeresses rise to do her homage, even the grand old dowager duchesses, who hold the social destiny of England in the palms of their wrinkled old hands. "So," said Dr. Macmurchy, "these women, who have been in the profession for years, some of whom hold high and responsible positions, greet and recognize you as equals."

Miss Palmer was most enthusiastically received when she rose to respond to "The Press." She referred to the influence of books as a factor in the march of civilization, more especially to the general utility of official magazines in the development of the professions, even trades and crafts having such journals, and she drew a picture of the office of a progressive physician,—the walls lined with medical books, floor, tables, and chairs littered with medical journals,

—comparing with it the room of the average nurse, with its few nursing books and possibly one nursing journal, showing that without more literature the nursing profession must soon reach its limit of development, when retrogression will follow as the natural result of inaction

Mrs. Jean Blewett, the Canadian poetess, also responded for "The Press." She spoke of her admiration of the profession of nursing, and said that if she had not been a housewife she would like to have been a nurse. She then read an ode composed specially for the occasion:

" THE WHITE-CAPPED NURSE.

" She is the flower of womanhood,  
This white-capped nurse, who takes her post  
Beside the sick, and lends her strength  
Unto the ones that need it most.  
No wav'ring of her courage high,  
No mist of tears her true eyes dim,  
'Tis hers to meet the foot-pad, Death,  
And by her skill to conquer him.

" Methinks she is God's messenger,  
With healing and with hope in store,—  
The dew of health for pallid cheek,  
The strength to make life glad once more.  
Great is thy task, and thy reward  
Lies not in fame or brodered purse,  
But in the Great Physician's hand.  
So do thy noblest, white-capped nurse."

A very happy afternoon was then brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

JULIA F. STEWART.

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BROOKLYN HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

THE Brooklyn Hospital Alumnæ Association met at the Training-School November 5 (Tuesday), Miss Van Ingen in the chair. There were twenty-five members present. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved.

A letter from Miss Thornton was read, kindly consenting to attend the next meeting and address the members on the subject of State organizations, after which the subject of a club-room was discussed, voted on, and rejected. A letter was read from Miss Hewback, and an appeal from Dr. Grace Watkins for help in building a hospital in Porto Rico. The subject was discussed and it was decided to take up a collection among the members present. After the meeting adjourned the sum of fifteen dollars and twenty-five cents was collected, and the next day we received a donation of ten dollars from Mrs. Sheldon, a patient of Miss Ella Percy.

The course of study was next brought before the meeting by the reading of a letter from Miss Tippet, of Boston. It was then decided by vote that the list of subjects given in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for December, 1900, would be satisfactory for this year. A letter from the secretary of the

Long Island Nurses' Alumnae (Mary Tweedale) was read, asking us to join them in the course of study this year, as we did last. It was decided if we did take up a course of study, we would join them.

A motion was made that a full report of our monthly meeting be sent to *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*. It was carried.

A motion was made that a letter of regret be sent to Miss Merritt regarding her resignation. The motion was carried by a standing vote.

A suggestion was laid before the members as to the advisability of starting a nurses' retirement fund. This subject was not discussed.

The meeting then adjourned, the next meeting to be held December 3, 1901.

J. GRANTHAM,  
Secretary.

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#### ST. LUKE'S, CHICAGO

THE regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of St. Luke's Training-School of Chicago was held Friday, November 22, at three P.M., at St. Luke's Hospital.

A most delightful talk on parliamentary law was given by Mrs. John Sherman, and it was afterwards voted to give the association the benefit of a course of ten lessons under Mrs. Sherman, to begin the second Friday in January and continue every other week.

Two new associate members were added to our list, and Miss Maltby's resignation from the association was accepted.

The day for the regular meetings was changed to the third Wednesday in each month.

ANNIE LOUISE PEARCE,  
Secretary.

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#### PATERSON GENERAL ALUMNAE

THE regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Training-School for Nurses of the Paterson General Hospital was held at the hospital on Tuesday, December 3. The president, secretary, first and second vice-presidents not being present, Miss Rosine Vreeland was chosen to act as president pro tem. and Miss Florence Demarest as secretary. The roll-call showed nine members present. After the regular business the subject of the New Jersey State Nurses' meeting, which had been called to meet at Newark City Hospital on the following day, was discussed, and the members present were urged to attend that meeting, each one agreeing to do so if possible, with the result that the Paterson General Hospital Alumnae was represented at the meeting by eleven of her members, each becoming a charter member. After business was over the Entertainment Committee served a delicious afternoon tea. While it was being prepared the corresponding secretary read a very full and interesting report of the Nurses' Congress, which was held at Buffalo in September. This report had been prepared by the delegate to the Congress, Miss M. J. Stansfield.

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#### ALLEGHENY GENERAL

THE Nurses' Alumnae Association of the Allegheny General Hospital held the first meeting of the season at the hospital October 7 at eight P.M.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: President, Miss M. Estelle Macmillan; vice-president, Mrs. Pauline Welsh; treasurer, Miss C. Estelle Lohr; recording secretary, Miss Margaret L. Orr; corresponding secretary, Miss Isabel Chaytor; assistant secretary, Mrs. Emma Harley.

A committee was appointed to discuss ways and means of increasing the endowment fund.

A very interesting report was given by Miss Hendrickson of the International Congress of Nurses held at Buffalo.

Our Association wishes to express their thanks for the many courtesies extended to our graduates attending the Congress.

ISABEL CHAYTOR,  
Secretary.

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ST. LUKE'S, NEW BEDFORD

AN Alumnae Association of the St. Luke's Hospital Training-School, New Bedford, Mass., was organized at a mass-meeting of the nurses held in the hospital assembly-room on Thursday, November 14, 1901.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Miss Cora E. Fish; vice-president, Miss Nellie F. Cummings; secretary, Miss Jessie L. Warriner; assistant secretary, Miss Azubah C. Dexter; treasurer, Miss Hannah P. Lawrence.

These officers with seven additional constitute a Board of Directors.

The present superintendent of the Training-School, Miss Clara D. Noyes, whose interest and enthusiasm have been of invaluable assistance to the nurses in organizing, was elected to an honorary membership.

J. L. WARRINER,  
Secretary.

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BROOKLYN HOMŒOPATHIC

THE annual meeting of the Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital Alumnae was held on Wednesday, November 6, with good attendance.

During the year eight new names have been added to the membership.

After disposing of the regular business the meeting listened to an interesting report by Miss Park, our delegate to the Congress of Nurses at Buffalo.

The advisability of the endowment of a chair in hospital economics of Columbia University was one of the points touched upon. Miss Alline suggested the importance of keeping the matter in mind both as a society and individually.

Election of officers for the year resulted as follows: President, Miss C. D. McKee; vice-president, Miss E. L. Park; secretary, Miss E. Blair; treasurer, Miss H. A. Taber; auditor, Miss K. Fanning.

E. BLAIR,  
Secretary.

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BELLEVUE ALUMNÆ, NEW YORK

THE regular meetings of this association have been resumed. At the meeting on October 17 Miss Schenck, the president, gave a very full and interesting account of the International Congress of Nurses and the convention of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States.

## THE BROOKLYN HOSPITAL ALUMNÆ

THE Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae Association met at the Training-School on Tuesday, December 3, and was called to order at half-past three by the president. Seventeen members were present. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. A letter from Miss Merritt was read, thanking the alumnae for their letter of regret at her resignation.

Miss A. E. Williams and Miss M. A. Brown were proposed for membership and accepted. Miss Thornton addressed the meeting on "State Registration."

A circular was read from a committee of nurses of the City Hospital of Newark, N. J., announcing a meeting to be held at that place on December 4, and asking that we send delegates.

A letter was read from the Misses Everett and Phymister, deciding to give up the idea of having a house as a club registry for our graduates.

Miss Van Ingen spoke of a registry to be kept by Mrs. Van Linden. The meeting then adjourned for the usual social entertainment.

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 NURSES' ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL

THE regular monthly meeting of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses was held at the Thayer Gymnasium on November 26 at two P.M. The report of the previous meeting was read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

The resignation of Miss M. B. Brown as first vice-president, which had been tendered at the previous meeting but had not been formally accepted, was, upon motion of Miss Rice, accepted with regret.

Miss Pauline Dolliver was then elected vice-president in place of Miss M. B. Brown, resigned.

A motion asking that the monthly roll-call be omitted was lost. A motion was then made that the roll be called quarterly only. This motion was also lost. The roll was then called and showed forty-seven members present.

Miss Rice then read the following resolutions upon the death of Miss Ada Thayer:

"WHEREAS, Our associate, Miss Ada E. Thayer, has been removed from our midst by death:

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Alumnae Association, extend to the family of Miss Thayer our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Miss Thayer's family and to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

"M. B. BROWN,

"F. F. RICE,

"Committee."

Miss Dolliver reported that she had in her possession one hundred and twenty-eight dollars which had been contributed by individual members of the alumnae for a piano for the nurses' home. Since this contribution was started a piano has been presented to the Training-School by Mrs. Cheney, and Miss Dolliver asked to be instructed as to how the funds in her hands should be expended. It was voted to ask Miss Dolliver to use the money in any way that she thought best for the benefit of the Training-School.

A very interesting discussion then took place on the paper which recently appeared in the *News Letter*, and later in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, entitled "Suggestions for the Improvement of Training-Schools for Nurses," by Dr. Richard Cabot.

Miss F. F. Rice opened the discussion, dwelling largely on the financial aspect of the question. She thought the long hours required in most hospitals gave to the institution more than equivalent for the nurses' board and tuition. If nurses were sent out for private duty during their training, she thought that the compensation should go to the nurse rather than to the hospital, thus enabling the nurse to pay for her tuition if necessary.

Miss Tippet thought that if only nurses were accepted for training who could afford to pay cash for their education, that many fine nurses would be lost to the profession.

Miss Dolliver was asked how much paid instruction was given at the Massachusetts. She stated that the teachers in special branches, namely, cooking and massage, were the only paid teachers, aside from the superintendent and her assistants. It was thought that physicians should be engaged with a proper compensation to teach the nurses their anatomy and physiology.

The nurses quite agreed with Dr. Cabot's second proposition, that nursing should be taught by nurses and medicine by physicians.

Miss Fox, Miss Parker, Miss Morris, and many others took part in a very animated discussion of other parts of this paper, which awakened much thoughtful interest in the nursing profession.

The meeting adjourned for a social half hour. Tea and light refreshment were served.

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#### CONFERENCE OF CHICAGO GRADUATES

A JOINT meeting of St. Luke's and the Illinois Training-School Alumnae Associations for Nurses was held at the rooms of the Visiting Nurse Association, Chicago, on Wednesday afternoon, November 6, at three P.M.

The subject for the meeting was State registration for nurses, and a most admirable paper on "What has Already been Accomplished and what Remains to be Done for its Attainment" was read by Miss Harriet Fulmer. Mr. Milton J. Foreman gave a most helpful talk on the political and legal aspect of the subject, and Miss Jane Addams spoke on the benefit of State registration to the public.

The addresses were followed by a general and informal discussion, refreshments being served.

ANNIE LOUISE PEARCE,  
Secretary.

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#### DUTCHESS COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' CLUB

THE annual meeting of the Dutchess County Graduate Nurses' Club was held in the club-room November 11 at eight P.M. The meeting was called to order by the president, and the following report was read by the secretary:

"In presenting a report for the first year of its organization, the Dutchess County Graduate Nurses' Club is glad of an opportunity to express its appreciation of the interest and encouragement given it by the physicians of the city and county. We have now thirteen members actively engaged in nursing in Poughkeepsie.

"We have had the following lectures: 'Professional Etiquette,' Dr. G. M. Kimball; 'Modern Surgery,' Dr. J. E. Sadlier; 'Progress of Sanitation in the XIX. Century,' Dr. E. B. Thelberg; 'Homœopathy,' Dr. J. G. Otis; 'Obstetrics,' Dr. C. E. Lane; 'The Care of the Insane,' Dr. F. Mann; 'Our City Water,' Dr. J. W. Poucher; 'Dietetics,' Dr. L. C. Wood; 'Bacteria,' Dr. A. L. Peckham; 'The Eye,' Dr. Barnum; 'Children's Diseases,' Dr. J. H. Otis; 'State Legislation for Nurses,' Miss L. L. Dock. To the physicians who have given these valuable lectures we would express our thanks.

"The club-room has been prettily furnished and we have many nursing and medical magazines. We offer our thanks to the kind friends who have so generously donated books, pictures, and furniture.

"Several pleasant social meetings have been held in the club-room. On the evening of June 25 a moonlight sail was given. This was our only attempt to earn money for the club and was a decided success. The members of the club had a dinner at Smith Brothers' restaurant to celebrate their first anniversary.

"The year which has just closed has brought much to cheer and encourage us. We have two new members. There has been much illness among us, but no one has been taken away, and in an educational and social way the club has been a success, helping us to be true women, broad-minded and progressive nurses."

After the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss E. I. Burroughs; vice-president, Miss H. P. Ferguson; secretary, Miss M. G. Moore; treasurer, Miss Jennie Walker.

MARY J. BLESS,  
Secretary pro tem.

#### LOCAL ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK

A MOVEMENT is being made in the direction of forming a local association of the nurses of New York. A society of this sort has long been a crying want in this city, the Mecca of the graduate nurse, but forming an organization, always a stupendous piece of work, is rendered the more difficult for us by the very circumstances that cause us to feel the great need for such, so that, upon analysis, it is not strange that steps towards organization have been delayed. However, now that it is an assured thing, let each one hasten to identify herself with the New York Nurses' Local Association, and become acquainted with and a factor in the several lines of work having a direct influence upon the conditions surrounding her life as a nurse. Isolated she must be if she is in this city affiliated with no association, ignorant of much that pertains to her well-being and success. Letters addressed to this department, 143 East Thirty-fifth Street, will be given prompt attention. Superintendents would help materially by asking those of their graduates located in New York City to send their names.

M. E. THORNTON.

#### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES

THE council meeting of the society was held in Detroit at Farrand Training-School, the residence of the president, on February 27. There were present Mrs. Gretter, Miss Alline, Miss Gross, Miss Keating, Miss Snively, and Miss Dock.

According to the custom of the society of meeting in the home of the president, the next annual meeting will be held in Detroit, and the dates were fixed for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the second week in September, 1902.

The arrangement of the programme was the work before the council.

The subject of "The Principles of Discipline" will be taken up; "Preparatory Training" will be thoroughly discussed from several stand-points, and "Suggestions for the Improvement of the Third Year's Training" will include a number of short papers. "State Legislation and Registration for Nurses" and a paper on "Training-School Examinations and Markings" will complete the programme.

The society will not publish an annual report this year. As the Buffalo meetings were purely business meetings, the report for this year will be incorporated with that of 1902, to be issued after the Detroit meetings next September.

The new forms of application for membership according to the revised constitution are now ready and may be had from Mrs. Gretter, Farrand Training-School, Detroit. The council hopes that all heads of training-schools and hospitals will now consider membership. While the secretary tries to stir up interest in joining by writing to such women as she may know of, this is at best a desultory and limited way of reaching those who are eligible and who are hereby invited to become members.

L. L. DOOK,  
Secretary.

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#### NEW YORK

MANY of the members of the Associated Alumnae are planning for a thorough course in parliamentary law. This course is to cover about ten weeks, beginning in January. Full particulars may be obtained by writing to the department, 143 East Thirty-fifth Street, New York.

M. E. THORNTON.

THE Garfield Hospital Alumnae Association of Washington, D. C., have enjoyed two very interesting talks on parliamentary law, given by Mrs. Foster, and will take the subject up more thoroughly during the winter under her guidance.

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#### AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

IN the report of the proceedings of the second annual meeting of the Spanish-American War Nurses, the sending of a telegram of condolence on the death of President McKinley was noted. The following reply has been received by Dr. McGee:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
"WASHINGTON, September 20, 1901.

"DEAR MADAM: The President requests me to thank you, and through you the members of your organization, for the kind message sent him, which he sincerely appreciates.

"Very truly yours,

"GEO. B. CORTELYOU,

"Secretary of President.

"Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, Washington, D. C."



## NEW YORK INFIRMARY

ON Wednesday evening, November 27, 1901, the Alumnae Association of the New York Infirmary Training-School for Nurses held a meeting in the college building adjoining the hospital. The meeting was enjoyed by all. It was gratifying to have several members from out of town, who met their classmates for the first time since graduation. The meeting was principally social, although very interesting reports from the Nurses' Congress at Buffalo were heard, after which a light supper was served. Then each took her way home with hopes of meeting again in January, feeling it was good to be there.

MRS. M. E. INMAN,  
Secretary.

## MISS MALTBY JOINS A SISTERHOOD

MISS FRANCES MALTBY, Class of '97, St. Luke's Training-School for Nurses, Chicago, has resigned from the Alumnae Association of said school. She will join the sisterhood at Kenosha, Wisconsin, at which place she has found her work for the past two years.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

At the annual session of the National Council of Women at Buffalo the following resolution was offered by the Loyal Women of American Liberty.

It was decided that said resolution should be sent out to our several organizations with instructions as follows:

"That this resolution be reported to the executive of every organization within this council, with the request that each society shall make the consideration of this resolution a special order of business, and shall, prior to the triennial, report their action to the corresponding secretary, who shall be authorized to follow this matter up and report the action of every society." Carried.

## RESOLUTION.

"WHEREAS, There is at present in the United States untaxed property to the amount of fully three billions of dollars; and

"WHEREAS, The greater part of this untaxed property is productive, in the sense that it produces a revenue over and above its immediate necessities; and

"WHEREAS, A fundamental principle of our constitution is that there shall be no union between church and state; and

"WHEREAS, In exempting from taxation such an enormous quantity of church property we are hereby uniting church and state, and placing a heavy additional burden upon the taxpayer; therefore

"Resolved, That we, the National Council of Women, in convention assembled, hereby request our National and State Legislatures to pass such laws as will exempt from taxation only such properties as are used for purely public purposes and are non-sectarian.

"MRS. I. C. MANCHESTER."

N.B.—Organizations are requested to give this matter attention and to report their conclusions to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, 218 Third Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

FANNIE HUMPHRIES GAFFNEY,  
President.

NEW YORK STATE MEETING

THE New York State Nurses' Association meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, in the Academy of Medicine, 17 West Forty-third Street, New York City, at ten A.M.

The business before the meeting will be the adoption of by-laws and consideration of the first steps to be taken towards securing legal status. Nurses from over the State who wish to inquire about boarding-places may write to Miss Thornton, 143 East Thirty-fifth Street, who will give them addresses of nurses' boarding-houses.

E. C. SANFORD,  
Secretary.

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MISS EVA ALLERTON, the superintendent of the Homœopathic Hospital of Rochester, N. Y., is to occupy the pretty cottage erected for her use by a member of the hospital Board of Managers. Miss Allerton has had with her for several years a niece and nephew, and in her new house she is able to enjoy something of home life, which is not possible in a large institution. The house is most artistic in its appointments, and sufficiently near to the main building for practical convenience. We think Miss Allerton is the first woman superintendent to be given the privilege of a separate home.

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MARRIED

MISS OLIVE JACOBS, a graduate of the Toledo Hospital Training-School for Nurses, was married November 30 to Mr. Edgar A. Wisner, of Jonesville, Mich.

MISS MARGARET A. MULLEN, a graduate of Garfield Memorial Hospital, was married August 28 in Philadelphia, Pa., to Dr. John Rome.

MISS LELIER PIZZINI, Class of '98, Garfield Hospital, was married August 23 in Washington, D. C., to Mr. James Ryan, of Baltimore, Md.

IN Brooklyn, N. Y., November 14, 1901, by the Rev. John Willey, D.D., Mr. L. Emory Barnett to Miss Clara Rickard. Miss Rickard is a graduate of the Class of 1900, Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett will reside at Raymondville, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

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OBITUARY

HENRY W. FULLER, who for nearly twenty-eight years was employed at the Hartford Hospital as apothecary and clerk, died recently at his home of heart disease after an illness of ten days. Mr. Fuller leaves a wife, who was Miss Mary Denison, a graduate of the Training-School of the Hartford Hospital, and one son, Harold, fourteen years of age.

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